

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification by replacing the original paragraph at page 11, lines 6-16, with the following amended paragraph:

Referring generally to Figure 2, an exemplary embodiment of a hard drive latching system or securing mechanism 40 is illustrated. In the illustrated embodiment, hard drive latching system 40 can secure one or two hard drives. As best illustrated in Figure 3, each hard drive 42 has a plurality, e.g. four, support members 44, such as screws threaded into the body 46 of the hard drive. Each screw 44 has an extending head 48. Each hard drive 42 also has a power connector 50 for coupling power to the hard drive and a data connector 52 for transferring data to and from hard drive 42.

Further, please amend the specification by replacing the original paragraph at page 11, lines 18-22, with the following amended paragraph:

Referring again to Figure 2, the illustrated embodiment of hard drive latching system 40 can be operated to secure one or two hard drives. Hard drive latching system 40 includes a plurality of tabs formed in chassis 56, a carrier 58, and a securing lever system or securing lever 60.

Additionally, please amend the specification by replacing the original paragraph at page 17, line 15 – page 18, line 2, with the following amended paragraph:

Referring again to Figure 8, the rotating motion of cam 128 is translated into linear motion of carrier 90 as lever 60 is rotated

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counterclockwise. The linear motion of carrier [[60]] 58 to the right compresses springs 104. As best illustrated in Figure 8C, curved ends 118 of carrier 58 move against trailing heads 140 of second hard drive 108 as carrier 58 is moved to the right by lever 60. Leading and trailing heads 138 and 140 are secured between notches 110 on sixth tabs 106 and curved ends 118 of carrier 58 with lever 60 in the horizontal position.